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# FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES FIRST MEETING OF ITS INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Committee Chair and Vice-Chair Appointed

The Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") announces the first meeting of its Intergovernmental Affairs Committee ("Committee"). This meeting will take place on December 12, 2007 at Commission headquarters. This Committee provides ongoing advice and information to the Commission on a broad range of issues for which the Commission explicitly or inherently shares responsibility or administration with local, county, state, or tribal governments. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Committee are also designated.

The roster as appointed by Chairman Kevin J. Martin is as follows:

Chairman: Haley Barbour, Governor of Mississippi.

Vice-Chairman: Carlito Caliboso, Chairman of the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission.

Other members by organization and primary representative name include:

### **Municipality Representatives (4)**

Michael J. McGlynn, Mayor, City of Medford, MA

James Bertram, Mayor, City of Lockhart, Texas

Gary Resnick, City Commissioner, Wilton Manors, Florida

Tom Simplot, Councilmember, City of Phoenix, Arizona

#### **County Representatives (2)**

Timothy Loewenstein, Supervisor, Buffalo County Board of Supervisors, Nebraska

Richard A. Mirgon, Director of Communications and Emergency Management, Douglas County, Nevada

## **City Attorney Representative (1)**

Anthony Fox, Town Attorney, Weddington, Marvin, North Carolina

## **State Legislative Representatives (3)**

John Burzichelli, Assemblyman, New Jersey

Pamela J. Althoff, Senator, Illinois

John H. Thomas, Representative, New Hampshire

## **Tribal Representatives (3)**

William M. Micklin, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Ewiiaapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians Tribe; Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

Jonathan Windy Boy, Tribal Council, Chippewa Cree

Cherie Moomaw, Colville Business Council, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

### Mission and Responsibilities

This Committee advises the Commission on a range of issues for which the Commission shares responsibility or administration with local, county, state, or tribal governments. The Committee is eligible for the intergovernmental exemption from the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C., App 2 (1998).1 The Committee operates for a 2-year term, with an option for reauthorization at the end of the two-year period.

During its two (2) year term, the main focus of the Committee will be the nation's transition to digital television ("DTV") as the Commission furthers its effort to educate the public about the impending DTV transition. The participation and collaboration of all levels of government is essential to ensuring that consumers are educated about the transition from analog to digital television, which by law, must be completed by February 17, 2009.

Other topics to be addressed by the Committee include, but are not limited to, homeland security and public safety; impact of new and emerging technologies, provision of telecommunications services in rural and underserved areas, broadband deployment, access by persons with disabilities and consumer education and outreach activities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See 2 U.S.C. § 1534(b); see also 5 U.S.C., App. 2 (1998).

# **Meeting Date**

The Committee will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, December 12, 2007, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, at the Commission's Headquarters, 445 12<sup>th</sup> St, SW, Washington, DC, in Room 8-B516.

Because the Committee discussions involve government to government deliberations, the meetings are not open to the public.

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